

~~and 9" and insert therefor --claim 1--.~~

~~Claim 11, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the claims 1 to 3" and insert therefor --claim 1--.~~

~~Claim 16, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the claims 1 to 15" and insert therefor --claim 1--.~~

~~Claim 18, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the claims 1 to 3" and insert therefor --claim 1--.~~

~~Claim 20-, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the claims 1 to 19" and insert therefor --claim 1--.~~

~~Claim 22 line 1, delete "or 21".~~

~~Claim 23 lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the claims 1 to 22" and insert therefor --claim 1--.~~

~~Claim 26, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one the claims 23 to 25 and insert therefor --claim 23--.~~

REMARKS

Amendments have been made to the claims to remove the multiple dependencies in order to conform with U.S. practice. An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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